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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuing application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), based upon
International Application PCT/JP99/04711, filed August 31, 1999.